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TO : Project Director  
 THRU : Project Contracting Officer  
 FROM : Project Communications Officer

SUBJECT: Requirement for Additional Electronics Personnel with Field Detachments

REF: CMCC Document No. 151X5.447 from Rano and Wooldridge

1. The reference document outlines the quantities of equipments, including System Four, to be eventually maintained by the Field Detachments and expresses concern that there is inadequate technical personnel support at the Field Detachments to properly maintain these electronic equipments.

2. This office does agree with [REDACTED] that difficulty is being experienced with the special equipments and that Field Detachment personnel have had to contend with modification operations in addition to performing the routine maintenance of special systems and conventional base equipments. However, this office has programmed to maintain System I, System III and associated equipment in addition to performing the tape duplicating function for all Elint systems including System IV. These functions are within the capabilities of the Detachment technical staffs and, with the hoped for improvement in special system performance in the near future, man hours can be shifted to tape duplicating duties when full operations commence.

3. It has always been the understanding of this office that Rano and Wooldridge would provide technical representatives for System Four (Airborne) and initially for the associated ground processing equipments. The Field Detachment personnel will assume responsibility for maintenance of the System Four ground processing equipments at such time as these units are reliably performing. You may recall that this agreement was reached in approximately July 1955 at which time [REDACTED] stated that the complexity of System Four would require the maintenance services of highly skilled, plant trained Field Engineers. As the Project would have experienced great difficulty in recruiting technical personnel of this calibre and as the period of training was extremely uncertain it appeared to be in the best interests of the Project to have Rano and Wooldridge furnish the necessary personnel for System Four. [REDACTED] in the recollection of the undersigned, did agree to assume this responsibility.

4. The undersigned recommends that [REDACTED] be requested to propose the number of technical personnel required in support of System Four and, for a temporary period, the System Four ground processing equipments. The request should be presented in this manner to [REDACTED] in order to clearly stipulate that System Four support only is required and to avoid confusing this requirement with the technical maintenance currently being provided by the Field Detachments.

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